

## **2010 Congressional Art Competition Guidelines**

Congressman Larry Kissell, Eighth Congressional District of NC

### **General Guidelines**

- The competition is open to high school students only. Exceptions will be made for schools that have 7<sup>th</sup> through 12<sup>th</sup> grades on one campus. Each Member's office can choose whether or not to include 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades in the art competition if there are schools in its district that fit these criteria.
- In order to allow artwork to hang in the Cannon Tunnel to the U.S. Capitol, the following restrictions are enforced:
  - All artwork must be framed according to the appropriate framing guidelines, listed below.
  - Artwork must conform to these restrictions:
  - Artwork must be two dimensional
  - Each piece can be **no larger** than 28"x28"x 4" (28 inches high, 28 inches wide, and 4 inches deep) including the frame. Artwork cannot weigh more than 15 lbs.
  - Each entry must be original in concept, design, and execution and may not violate any U.S. copyright laws. Any entry that has been copied from an existing photo (not the student's own), painting, graphic, advertisement, or any other work produced by another person is a violation of the competition rules and **will not** be accepted. Work entered must be in the original medium (that is, not a scanned reproduction of a painting or drawing).
  - Artwork must arrive in the Concord District Office by 5:00pm on Monday **May 3, 2010** for inclusion in the competition.
- Artwork will hang in the Capitol for the **entire year** of the exhibition and **cannot** be returned to the students earlier. Students should, therefore, submit artwork they will not need for other purposes.
- Artwork accepted mediums are as follows:
  - Paintings: oil, acrylics, watercolor, etc.
  - Drawings: pastels, colored pencil, pencil, charcoal, ink, markers
  - Collage: must be two dimensional
  - Prints: lithographs, silkscreen, block prints
  - Mixed Media: use of more than two mediums such as pencil, ink, watercolor, etc.
  - Computer-generated art
  - Photography
- If the artwork is abstract in design, please indicate on the backside which side is "up" with arrows.

- A **TYPED** copy of the Student Release form, signed by both the teacher and the student, must be attached to the back of the artwork to certify the originality of the piece.
- In addition to the Student Release form, each work must also have a label securely applied to the back with this information:

Student Name: _____
Student Address: _____
Student Phone Number: _____
Student High School: _____
Title of Artwork: _____
Medium: _____
Member's Name: <u>Congressman Larry Kissell</u>
State & District: <u>North Carolina, District 8</u>

**Note:**

The final decision regarding the suitability of all artwork for the 2010 Congressional Art Competition exhibition in the Capitol will be made by a panel of qualified persons chaired by the Architect of the Capitol. Artwork must adhere to the policy of the House Office Building Commission. In accordance with this policy, exhibits depicting subjects of contemporary political controversy or a sensationalistic or gruesome nature are not allowed. It is necessary that all artwork be reviewed by the panel chaired by the Architect of the Capitol and any portion not in consonance with the Commission's policy will be omitted from the exhibit.